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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Appeal Brief filed 04/10/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15-24 (Renumbering as 1-10 respectively).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 11-273185.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |


WILLIAM BASHORE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 15-24 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

In interpreting the claims in light of the specification and applicant's arguments, and the Appeal Brief filed 04/10/2006. Examiner finds the claimed invention is patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

The prior arts of record, Munetomo, Gaglione and Hansen, disclosed a computer including an application and a printer driver, wherein editing of an insertion of at least one of a text, and an image, and a graphic is performed by that application in collaborating with the printer driver.

The prior art of record, Munetomo, Gaglione, and Hansen fail to anticipate or render Applicant's particular feature that allows a printer driver to perform an editing operation of inserting one of a text, an image, and a graphic into a displayed image, wherein a printer driver performing editing processes on image data after a command to print a document has been issued. That is, after a command to print a document has been executed and has been received by a printer driver, then the editing process of inserting at least one of a text, an image, and a graphic into a displayed image can still be performed.

In addition the Examiner interprets the claimed "printer driver", is capable of performing inserting at least one of a text, an image, and a graphic into a displayed image after a command to print a document has been executed and has been received by a printer driver, then the editing process of inserting at least one of a text, an image, and a graphic into a displayed image can still

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be performed, which states in the Appeal Brief page 4 last paragraph and supporting by the Applicant Invention Specification Fig. 1A-B and Fig. 2 and page 3 lines 5-15 and page 4 lines 3-6.

The dependent claims, being further limiting to the independent claims, definite and enabled by the Specification are also allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quoc A. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-4103. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Herndon R. Heather can be reached on (571) -272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.

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